

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are currently pending in the present application upon entry of the foregoing Amendment wherein claims are renumbered as discussed below. Claims 1-9, and 11-26 have been amended. The amendments do not add new matter. In view of the following Remarks, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to the claim numbering for not complying with 37 C.F.R. § 1.126, which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. Per the Examiner's instructions, the claims have been renumbered as illustrated. Please acknowledge that the new numbering scheme corresponds with the numbering scheme intended by the Examiner.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-15, 17, 18 and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for "the structure information" in lines 6 and 7, thus obviating the rejection of claim 1. Newly renumbered claims 17 and 24 have been amended to replace "region" with "information" in line 3, thus obviating the rejection of these claims. The above changes also obviate the rejection of dependent claims 2-15, 18 and 25. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully sought.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6, 8, 11, 12, 14-18, 20-21 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by "Cascading Style Sheets in Internet Explorer 4.0 and Examples" by George Young (Young). Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16, 20 and 23 so as to clarify and more particularly indicate the claimed subject matter.

Independent claims 1, 16, 20 and 23 have been amended to recite, among other things, the feature that the structure information and the content information are stored in a single file.

In contrast, Young relates to the application of style sheets used for formatting web pages. In particular, Young describes formatting content of an electronic document and, at best, only teaches storing content information. Young does not teach or discuss storing structure information and therefore, cannot be relied on for teaching storing structure information and content information in a single file. Thus, Young is at least deficient for not disclosing this feature.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 16, 20 and 23 are patentably distinguishable over the art of record. Furthermore, dependent claims 2-6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24 and 25 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Thus, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 9-10 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Young. Claims 9-10 and 22 depend from corresponding amended independent claims 1 and 20 and therefore include the features of these independent claims. Regarding claims 9 and 22, the Examiner acknowledges that Young is “silent as to storing the information in a table,” and alleges that a table is a well-known structure for storing data. Furthermore, regarding claim 10, the Examiner acknowledges that Young does not teach translating a document management table into a standardized markup language and alleges that given the obviousness of the table, one of ordinary skill in the art would have translated the table into a markup language. However, even if storing information in a table is well-known or that it would have been obvious to translate the table into a markup language, Young remains deficient because it does not suggest or teach storing structure information and content information in a single file. In view of these deficiencies, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed features are not rendered obvious in view of Young. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 9-10 and 22 are patentable over Young.

Claims 13, 19 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Young-MSDN (Young) in view of Fields (USP 6,128,655). Claims 13, 19 and 26 depend from corresponding amended independent claims 1 and 23 and therefore include the features of these independent claims. The Examiner relies on Fields for “teaching a method for splitting parts of a web page to an HTML file.” Even if Fields teaches this feature, the combination of Young and Fields remains deficient

because Fields does not overcome the deficiencies of Young as discussed above. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed features are not rendered obvious in view of Young and Fields. Thus claims 13, 19 and 26 are patentable over Young in view of Fields.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Young-MSDN (Young) in view of Netscape Screenshot (Netscape). Claim 7 depend from amended independent claim 1. The Examiner relies on Netscape to show that an email header and footer can be independently formatted regions. Even if Netscape teaches this feature, the combination of Young and Netscape remains deficient because Netscape does not overcome the deficiencies of Young as discussed above. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed features are not rendered obvious in view of Young and Netscape. Thus, claim 7 is patentable over Young in view of Netscape.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.


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Respectfully submitted,



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